

FOOD & BEVERAGE PROGRAMS & EVENTS - 2015 HOLIDAY SEASON



Aspen, Colo. (September 2015) - As we look towards the 2015/2016 ski season in Aspen Snowmass, The Little Nell is preparing an exciting schedule of <u>special events</u>, wine dinners, festive celebrations and more. Our <u>Food & Beverage Programs</u>, led by Executive Chef Matt Zubrod and Wine Director Carlton McCoy, extend beyond the hotel's core restaurants and outlets - element 47, Ajax Tavern and Chair 9 - to also encompass events at The Sundeck and Aspen Mountain Club, as well as off-site.

NOVEMBER

On Thurs., Nov. 26, after hitting the slopes for Opening Day at Aspen and Snowmass mountains, spend **Thanksgiving dinner at The Nell** with a prix fixe menu at element 47, specials at Ajax Tavern or à la carte offerings at Chair 9.

Element 47's three-course Thanksgiving menu features traditional fare with a roasted organic turkey dinner and family-style sides. Prix fixe menu offered for \$99++/guest with a \$65 wine pairing option. Kid's prix fixe offered for \$47 ++/guest. Element 47: 970.920.6330.

Ajax Tavern's existing bistro menu will be complemented for the holiday with an à la carte dinner special. Kid's turkey dinner specials are available as well. Ajax Tavern: 970.920.6334.

Chair 9 will open for a sneak preview weekend from Thurs., Nov. 26 – Sun., Nov. 29, with Thanksgiving specials, the winter bar menu, Colorado craft beers on tap and Colorado spirits for all well drinks and football in surround sound.

The **breakfast buffet at element 47** will reopen Thanksgiving weekend for the winter with our made-to-order omelets prepared by the beloved Fredy, a fixture on the line; freshly baked pastries in-house; huevos rancheros; the popular lemon soufflé pancakes; maple syrup flights; smoothies; healthy, fresh vegetable and fruit juices and much more. Breakfast is offered daily from 7 – 10:30 a.m. Element 47: 970.920.6330.

DECEMBER

In early December, The Nell will welcome a **celebrity mixologist** to unveil our winter cocktail menu for element 47, Ajax Tavern and Chair 9. Stay posted for news on this party, which will be held in Chair 9 and an invite-only event in the Nell's cellar.

Sporting your most stylish vintage skiwear, come dressed "to the 9s" for **Chair 9's official opening party**, **Aspen Extreme**, on Sat., Dec. 12. Get your complimentary Chair 9 koozie at the door, which gains access to \$3 beer specials all night and all season, and enjoy specials from Veuve Clicquot by the glass or bottle, \$6 Patron cocktails and other libations, as well as our winter bar menu for appetizers and bites. Dance to the beats of DJ Mayfly as ski movies play on the plasma screens. Vie for prizes from Veuve Clicquot in our Vintage Costume Contest, judged by our discerning bartenders. Chair 9 will be open through the season daily from 2 – 8 p.m. with live music from Tues. – Thurs., DJs on weekends and football on Mondays.

On Sun., Dec. 13, **The Little Nell Tree Lighting** takes place from 5 – 6 p.m. This family-friendly event is open to the community, as well as hotel guests. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, carolers and quality time spent with Santa Claus. A cookie buffet from the pastry kitchen will be offered along with The Nell's famous hot cocoa (which can be "supercharged" with your choice of liqueurs from our cash bar). The Little Nell's Holiday Clothing Drive will accept new and gently worn winter clothing for donations to LIFT-UP, the Roaring Fork Valley's non-profit that serves those in need of financial assistance.

On Fri, Dec. 18, **The Dom Perignon Lounge at element 47** will debut for the holidays and remain in place throughout ski season. Branded with Dom Perignon's signature black and gold palette, the patio will be winterized with fireplaces and heaters, lounge seating, soft lighting and piped-in music. Butler service includes Dom Perignon Champagne, cocktails and bar menu fare. 3 - 7 p.m. or by reservation. Element 47: 970.920.6330.

All through the holidays, **Dennis Basso**, one of the world's leading fur and ready-to-wear designers, will present a fashion show during lunch at element 47. Models will be outfitted in couture available at his boutique in The Little Nell, which you can see up close and learn more about from the sales representatives.

Element 47 offers a special **Truffle Dinner Menu** over the holidays. This high-end, four-course menu features shades of truffles – white and burgundy – served with fine wines of the world, all under Coravin, the premier wine preservation system. Available from Sat., Dec. 20 through Sun., Jan. 3 (with the exception of New Year's Eve). \$495++/guest. Element 47: 970.920.6330.

With its festive holiday atmosphere, spend **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas Dinner** at element 47. The four-course prix fixe menu begins with caviar and an optional truffle tasting.. \$247++/guest. Wine pairings will

be available. Dom Perignon will be offered by the glass or bottle. 6 – 10 p.m. Element 47: 970.920.6330. Kid's menu for \$47.

Ajax Tavern will offer a traditional Christmas Dinner prix fixe on Fri., Dec. 25, for \$95++/guest. 6 – 10 p.m. Kid's menu for \$35.

Join us for your **New Year's Eve Dinner** at element 47, Aspen's most chic place to dine on December 31. Dom Perignon specials and tableside service will complement the fabulous four-course prix fixe. \$395++/guest. Element 47: 970.920.6330.

Secure the best seats in Aspen for the fireworks shows at 9 pm or midnight with **New Year's Eve Dinner** at Ajax Tavern. This special four-course prix fixe dinner is offered with an early seating if you would like to be out by 8:30 p.m. at \$195++/guest. Otherwise, settle in for dinner and a fireworks show with the late seating at \$250++/guest. Ajax Tavern: 970.920.6334.

Ring in 2016 at **The Dom Perignon Party – New Year's at The Nell**, Aspen's "it party" of the holiday season. The exclusive celebration takes place throughout Chair 9, the living room and element 47's bar and outdoor lounge. Access includes bottomless Dom Perignon, an open bar, food stations replenished throughout the night and two musical acts from Elan Artists. Project M, the talented Los Angeles-based band, will get the crowd on their feet with rock, pop, Motown and more in Chair 9 while violinist Katarina Visnevska and a DJ will perform together in the Dom Perignon Lounge at element 47. The party goes from 10 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. with a fireworks display over Aspen Mountain at midnight. \$495++/guest. Reserved seating for up to eight guests with private butler service is available for \$8,000++/group. Tickets are available online.

IANUARY

Join us on Fri., Jan. 1 for our **New Year's Day Brunch** at element 47. For the ultimate hangover cure, enjoy our à la carte menu and the best Bloodies in town. 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Element 47: 970.920.6330.

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About The Little Nell

Cosmopolitan yet intimate, contemporary yet timeless, The Little Nell invites guests to experience Aspen's only Forbes Five Star, AAA Five Diamond, ski-in/ski-out hotel – a Relais & Châteaux resort. For more information and for reservations, please call 888.The.Nell (888.843.6355) or visit www.thelittlenell.com.

Awards, Accolades and Talent

The Little Nell's culinary team is led by Executive Chef Matt Zubrod with Curtis Cameron as Executive Pastry Chef and Matt Padilla as Chef de Cuisine for element 47. Master Sommelier Carlton McCoy oversees the wine program. Element 47 has been acknowledged with <u>numerous awards</u> including The Grand Award from Wine Spectator since 1995, recognition as one of America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants from Wine Spectator and a Forbes Five Star rating in 2015.

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